

The Cornell Japanimation Society

Schedule for March 2, 1990:

Hi-Speed Jecy Vol. 4 (Zone)

The Five Star Stories

Urusei Yatsura OAV - "Howl at the Moon"

Kimagure Orange Road ep. 39 - "Hypnotized Madoka! Kyosuke - a Dangerous New Year's"

Kimagure Orange Road ep. 40 - "First Dream of the Year! The Monster Jingoro's Counterattack" or "T.A.P. Gun"

Hi-Speed Jecy Vol. 4:

A ghost zone, open like a mouth in the very fabric of space, caused by an extreme gravity concentration.

Here, at its very boundary, the Hiloit with its deadly cargo is floating. And, what's keeping it from falling into the ghost zone, is an armed Bismarck cruiser.

In order to dispose of the biological weapon forever, Jecy warps Paolon in between the Hiloit and the ghost zone and attacks the Bismarck ship ...

The Five Star Stories:

Truly, no animated movie has been more eagerly awaited than this one. FSS started out as a manga, drawn by Mamoru Nagano,

running in the animation magazine, NewType. It quickly gained popularity (boosting NewType's sales in the process) and an avid fan population. FSS fanatics can be found in the strangest places in Japan ... its popularity has grown to the point that there are conventions that are devoted solely to FSS.

The story's complexity is perplexing to many people and I will only attempt to cover the very basics here. (People who wish to read into more detail may refer to Animag's article on FSS in Animag 7.) The story is set in another place, another time, in a star system called the Joker Solar Systems, which is made up of 4 solar systems (Easter, Wester, Southerned, and Northe) with a traveling star called Stant, bound to the system.

The protagonist for most of the story is a god (?) called Amaterasu, who controls the A.K.D. Empire (based on the Japanese goddess of light of the same name). Other political systems in Joker include the Filmore Empire, the Trio Colus Kingdom, and the Lent Confederacy.

The mortar headd are FSS's equivalent of the giant robots found in other shows. The MHs are semi-sentient and are a mixture of biological and mechanical machinery. MH pilots are known as headliners. Fatimas are artificial humans, who, at the age of 20, go through a process known as the Ezlazer Process which takes 10 years. This process increases the fatima's strength and reflexes, halts physical aging, inserts the memory crystal (an interface between a fatima and a mortar headd), and imposes mind control (a thought limiter that ensures that they will follow orders by humans and limits their emotional responses). In a way, they are like the replicants from Blade Runner. Traditionally, they are female, though a couple of male models exist as well. (On top of all this, there is a special type of fatima, called a etriml, which is a formless fatima with just the MH-controlling mechanisms. Their usage is frowned up within Joker.) The one big difference between fatimas and humans is that fatimas cannot reproduce. However, for the most part, fatimas are very similar to human beings.

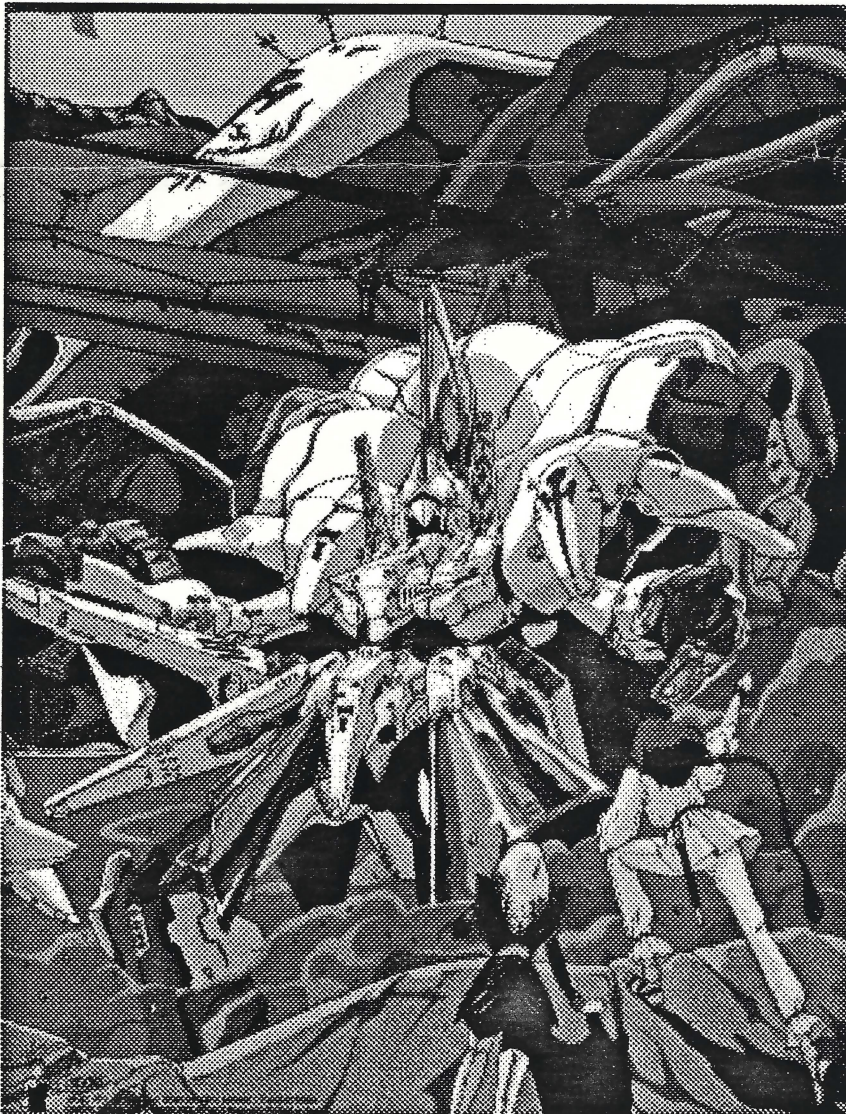
The rest of the story ... well, you'll pick it up after watching the movie!

UY OAV - "Howl at the Moon":

One spring day. Underneath a blossoming cherry tree, Ran is feeding Rei her sakura mochi. Lum sees this and decides to do the same thing with Ataru. She borrows the preparation manual for the sakura mochi from Rei ... but as it turns out, it's not the one for sakura mochi ... and Lum feeds Ataru her cooking ...

KOR ep. 39:

January 1, 1989. When Kyosuke wakes up, Madoka's there dressed in a bunny suit! Then he really



wakes up and finds out that it's just December 31st after all. But maybe it's a prophecy dream? While Kyosuke is busy pondering this, Kurumi hypnotizes him. After going through a lot of trouble, Kyosuke escapes and runs into Madoka in town. Just as a joke, he tries to hypnotize her ... and it works! ...

KOR ep. 40:

The giant monster Jingoro approaches closer and closer! To go up against it, the members of TAP Gun launch. Their leader is Madoka, with team members Komatu, Hatta, and Yuusaku. But, TAP Gun's attack fails. That moment, appearing in a burst of light, is the Black Fighter, Kyosuke ...

